(Mr. SPEAKER)

I may also recall to the members the ruling pointed out by the Minister for Law and Parliamentary Affairs in the House when this matter was raised by the member.

In the instant case I do not find any prima facie evidence to show that any incorrect statement is made by the Chief Minister either deliberately or with the intention of misleading the House.

I hold that the matter is not in order.

RULING ON A QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE AGAINST THE CHIEF MINISTER ON HIS ALLEGED STATEMENTS ABOUT MYSORE-MAHARASTRA BORDER.

MR. SPEAKER:—Sri H. M. Channabasappa had given notice of a question of privilege in which he has alleged that the statement of the Chief Minister in the House, in reply to a supplementary question put by him on the main qnestion given notice of by Sri D. M. Siddaiah, seeking to know whether the Central Government had intimated the State Government about the action proposed to be taken on the Mahajan Commission Report to solve the border dispute between the States of Mysore and Maharashtra was different from what the Chief Minister had stated while addressing a Political Conference at Belgaum recently.

I have gone through the proceedings of the House when the particular question mentioned by the member was answered in the House. Sri Channabasappa put a supplementary question, seeking to know whether the Chief Minister had stated at the Political Conference at Belgaum that the Central Government was influenced by foreign money and foreign pressures in taking decisions. The Chief Minister replied that this was not so. I have also looked into the newspaper produced by Sri Channabasappa, containing a statement reported to have been made by the Chief Minister at Belgaum. It would appear that what the Chief Minister has stated at the Conference is in a different context from what it was stated in the House. In the House, the question was regarding Belgaum and the Chief Minister stated that the Central Government was not influenced by foreign money and pressures.

In reply to the debate on the motion, moved by Sri V. N. Patil recently, the Chief Minister referred to his statement made at Belgaum incidentally and categorically denied that he had made any such statement attributed to him by Sri Channabasappa.

It has been ruled on a number of occastions that if any statement is made on the floor of the House by a Member or a Minister which another member believes to be untrue, incomplete or incorrect, it does not constitute a breach of privilege. To constitute a breach of privilege, the statement must be a deliberate lie with an intention of misleading the House. In this case, it is difficult to conceive of any such intention on the part of the Chief Minister. On the other hand, the facts are much stronger to indicate that there is no inteation to mislead the House. I, therefore, hold that the matter is not in order.

At the most, Chief Minister's statement amounts to a denial of the Press Report, which every person, a member, Minister, or otherwise is entitled to do, if he thinks that the Press has, inaccurately reported him. Such statements do not constitute breach of privilege.

I, therefore, hold that the notice is not in order.

Private Members Business—Bills

MYSORE VILLAGE PANCHAYAT AND LOCAL BOARDS (AMENDMENT) BILLS 1970-MOTION TO CONSIDER

Sri H. N. NANJE GOWDA:—I move:

That the Mysore Village Panchayat and Local Boards(Amendment) Bill, 1970, be taken into consideration."

Mr. SPEAKER:—Motion moved;

"That the Mysore Village Panchayat and Local Boards (Amendment) Bill, 1970, be taken into consideration."

†ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಎನ್. ನಂಜೇಗೌಡ:—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರೇ, ನಾನು ಈ ಬಿಲ್ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಸಮಯ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳದೆ ಕೇವಲ ಮೂರು ನಿಮಿಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಮುಗಿಸುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಈಗ ಇರತಕ್ಕಂಥ ಆಕ್ಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕ್ ಬೋರ್ಡ್ ಮತ್ತು ಮುನಿಸಿಪಾಲಿಟಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಸಭೆ ಸೇರಲು ಮೂರನೇ ಒಂದು ಭಾಗ ಕೋರಂ ಇರಬೇಕೆಂದು ಇದೆ. ಆದರೆ ಪಂಚಾಯಿತಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಅರ್ಧ ಭಾಗ ಇರಬೇಕೆಂದು ಇದೆ. ಈಗ ಕೆಲವು ಪಂಚಾಯಿತಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ೧೫, ೧೩, ೧೧ ಈ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಇರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಚೇರ್‌ಮನ್ ಮೀಟಿಂಗ್ ನಡೆಸಬೇಕಾದರೆ ಅರ್ಧ ಭಾಗದಷ್ಟು ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಇರಬೇಕು. ೧೫ ಜನ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಇರುವ ಕಡೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಚೇರ್‌ಮನ್ ಪರವಾಗಿ ೭ ಜನ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಇದ್ದರೆ ಚೇರ್‌ಮನ್ ಮೀಟಿಂಗ್ ನಡೆಸುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಉಳಿದ ೮ ಜನ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಸೇರಿಕೊಂಡು ಈ ಚೇರ್‌ಮನ್ ಅವರನ್ನು ಅಧಿಕಾರದಿಂದ ಉರುಳಿಸುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಏಕೆಂದರೆ ಚೇರ್‌ಮನ್ ಅವರನ್ನು ಕೆಲಸದಿಂದ ಉರುಳಿಸಬೇಕಾದರೆ ಮೂರನೇ ಎರಡು ಭಾಗದಷ್ಟು ಮೆಜಾರಿಟಿ ಇರಬೇಕೆಂದು ಆಕ್ಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಇದೆ. ಆದಕಾರಣ ಇಂತಹ ಪಂಚಾಯಿತಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವ ಕೆಲಸವೂ ಆಗುತ್ತಿಲ್ಲ. ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕ್ ಬೋರ್ಡ್‌ಗೆ ಮತ್ತು ಮುನಿಸಿಪಾಲಿಟಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಯಾವ ರೀತಿ ಮೂರನೆಯ ಒಂದು ಭಾಗ ಕೋರಂ ಇರಬೇಕೆಂದು ಇದೆಯೋ ಅದನ್ನೇ ಅನ್ವಯಮಾಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಈ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿಯನ್ನು ತಂದಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳಿಗೂ ಗೊತ್ತಿರಬಹುದು, ಅನೇಕ ಪಂಚಾಯಿತಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಗುಂಪುಗಳು ಹುಟ್ಟಿಕೊಂಡು ಯಾವ ಕೆಲಸಗಳು ಸಹ ಆಗದೆ ವಿರೋಧಭಾಸವಾಗಿ ಅವು ಮೂಲೆ ಗುಂಪಾಗಿವೆ.ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ನಾನು ತಂದಿರುವ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿಯನ್ನು ಪಂಚಾಯಿತಿಗಳ ಮೇಲೆ ಕರುಣೆ ಯಿಟ್ಟು ಒಪ್ಪಲೇಬೇಕೆಂದು ಅರಿಕೆ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು ನಾನು ನನ್ನ ಮಾತನ್ನು ಮುಗಿಸುತ್ತೇನೆ.